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Yours Sincerely,

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APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Trading Symbol "NVE"

S.E.C. Exemption 12(g)3-2(b)

File No. 82-3822

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Vancouver, Canada: NovaWest Resources Inc. (the "Company") Symbol "NVE" on the Canadian Venture Exchange, is pleased to announce that the Company has appointed Mr. Jerry Dibble to the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Dibble brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the Board. He has more than fourteen years experience in investor relations and public relations, as well as four years of investment banking and S.E.C. regulatory filings. Mr. Dibble is licensed as a Series 7 Broker and was formerly employed in the Houston, Texas office of A.G. Edwards and Sons, a large, highly respected national U.S. Broker/Dealer. Prior to that Mr. Dibble served as Executive V.P. of American Bank & Savings in the capacities of Chairman of the Real Estate Department and Operations Officer/New Loans. Mr. Dibble currently specializes in such areas of expertise as Corporate Communications, Information Technology (IT) and Corporate Finance. His contacts throughout North America and internationally will prove invaluable to NovaWest's goal of enhancing shareholder value through corporate development, corporate communications and project financing strategies.

"NovaWest has some very interesting mineral projects, so it is important that we implement and execute our business plan to derive the highest possible value from these assets for our shareholders. Mr. Dibble's expertise will contribute considerably to our ongoing program of enhanced communication with the investment community, full disclosure and financing possibilities. We look forward to working with Mr. Dibble in achieving our objectives" said Mr. Patrick O'Brien, chairman and chief executive officer of NovaWest.

NovaWest is a Canadian exploration company with significant projects in northern Quebec (600 sq km Raglan Ni-PGM-Co-Cu Project; southwestern Ontario (6,000-acre Nickel Royale Ni-Cu-PGM Project); northeastern Ontario (GoldenPoly Zinc-Polymetallic Project, Bucke Pipe Diamond Project and GoldStock Gold Project); northwestern Quebec (Lac Rocher Ni-PGM Project). Shares of NovaWest trade on the CDNX under the trading symbol "NVE".

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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
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